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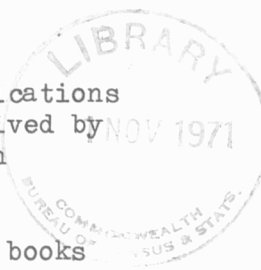
SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

In 1970, the National Library of Australia received 4,869 publications published in Australia. This was 993 more than the 3,876 publications received by the Library in 1969. The Library also received 63 publications published in Australia's External Territories.

The Australian publications received in 1970 consisted of 2,215 books (non-periodical publications of at least 49 pages) and 2,654 pamphlets (non-periodical publications of 5 to 48 pages). Books classified as "social sciences" formed the largest group of books (582, including Bills and Acts of Parliament); 399 books were classified as "technology, business", 394 as "literature" (mainly Australian fiction), and 221 as "science". Of the 2,654 pamphlets, the largest number of titles (902) was classified as "social sciences" (also including Acts and Bills of Parliament), and 817 as "technology, business". There were 46 books and 113 pamphlets classified as children's publications; and 198 books and 51 pamphlets as school text books.

Government publishers accounted for 37.9% of the 4,869 publications, and trade publishers for 32.5%.

Of the 4,869 publications received in 1970, 63.4% were published in that year, 31.5% in 1969, and 4.9% in 1968. This compares with 1969, when, of the 3,876 publications received, 68.6% were published in that year, 25.3% in 1968, and 5.8% in 1967.



# EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statistics about Australian book publishing are prepared from data supplied by the National Library of Australia. Through the operation of the deposit provisions of the Copyright Act 1912-1968, and through its overseas collection agents and its own efforts, the Library receives copies of all books and pamphlets published in Australia (including the External Territories), although not necessarily in the year of publication.

2. In previous years, statistics contained in this bulletin have included publications from the External Territories of Papua - New Guinea, Norfolk Island and, before 1968, Nauru. This year, statistics relating to books and pamphlets published in the External Territories have, where possible, been excluded from Tables 1-6. The numbers of books and pamphlets published in the External Territories are shown in Table 7.

3. Publications described as "received" during the year, include those for which cataloguing was completed up to the end of the following February. Receipts by the Library in the years 1966 to 1970, classified according to year of publication, are shown in Table 1; Table 3 refers to receipts from 1968 to 1970, Tables 2 and 4 to receipts in 1970. In so far as the statistics are classified according to the year of publication, the figures are subject to revision as publications come to hand subsequent to the year of publication. Most publications are received within three years of publication.

4. The method of counting conforms to international practice. Each title is counted as one unit. For purposes of these statistics, a book is a non-periodical publication of at least 49 pages, and a pamphlet is a non-periodical publication of no less than five and not more than 48 pages.

5. The statistics include first editions and re-editions. A first edition is the first publication of an original manuscript or a translation. A re-edition is a publication distinguished from previous editions by changes made in the contents (revised edition) or layout (new edition). Publications unchanged in contents and layout, apart from the correction of typographical errors, are called reprints and are not included in the statistics. A publication by any publisher other than the original publisher is regarded as a re-edition, whether or not changes have been made. Numbers of first editions and re-editions are shown in Tables 3 and 5.

6. The figures include government publications, school textbooks, offprints, illustrated works, and publications which form part of a series, but not periodicals. They exclude publications of a transitory nature (such as advertising matter), programmes of entertainments, etc., regulations of business firms, calendars, musical works, maps and charts, and books and pamphlets not made available to the public. The number of publications in foreign languages, and of children's books and textbooks are given, for 1970 receipts, in Table 4.

7. A classification of books and pamphlets according to type of publisher is available for publications received in 1970. The statistics appear in Table 2. The National Library of Australia defines five categories of publishers:

1. Government publishers - any government body or instrumentality, either Commonwealth, State or Local.
2. Trade publishers - organisations set up predominantly for publishing, who publish for profit and whose title output is significant and widely available through the bookselling trade.
- Marginal publishers - 3. Commercial - firms for whom publishing is subsidiary to their main function.
4. Societies, institutions, etc. - all non-profit societies, universities and their departments (but not their Presses), schools, churches and church organisations.
5. Private individuals - all individuals who are responsible for the publication of one or more titles.

8. The classification by subject group in Tables, 3, 4 and 5 is based on the divisions of the Dewey Decimal Classification.

TABLE 1. - AUSTRALIAN (a) PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED ACCORDING TO  
YEAR OF PUBLICATION, 1966 TO 1970  
(Number of titles)

Received by the Library in	Year of publication					Total
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	
BOOKS						
1966	915	..	..	..	..	n.a.
1967	374	1,188	..	..	..	(b)1,601
1968	32	268	1,411	..	..	1,711
1969	4	78	327	1,481	..	1,890
1970	..	1	68	440	1,706	2,215
<u>Total</u>	1,325	1,535	(c)1,806	(c)1,921	(c)1,706	..
PAMPHLETS						
1966	797	..	..	..	..	n.a.
1967	568	1,116	..	..	..	(b)1,769
1968	52	423	1,214	..	..	1,689
1969	9	146	653	1,178	..	1,986
1970	..	3	173	1,095	1,383	2,654
<u>Total</u>	1,426	1,688	(c)2,040	(c)2,273	(c)1,383	..
TOTAL, BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS						
1966	1,712	..	..	..	..	(d)3,026
1967	942	2,304	..	..	..	(b)3,370
1968	84	691	2,625	..	..	3,400
1969	13	224	980	2,659	..	3,876
1970	..	4	241	1,535	3,089	4,869
<u>TOTAL</u>	(a)2,751	3,223	(c)3,846	(c)4,194	(c)3,089	..

(a) Books and pamphlets, shown as received and published in 1966 include 19 published in Australia's External Territories. (b) Includes 39 books and 85 pamphlets published in 1965. (c) Incomplete. See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 3. (d) Includes 1,314 books and pamphlets published in 1964 and 1965 of which a small number were published in Australia's External Territories. n.a. Not available.

TABLE 2. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS  
RECEIVED IN 1970, BY PUBLISHER  
(Number of titles)

Publisher	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Government	377	1,467	1,844
Trade	1,285	298	1,583
Marginal --			
Commercial	58	86	144
Societies and institutions	439	739	1,178
Private individuals	56	64	120
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,215	2,654	4,869

TABLE 3. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS  
ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER  
FIRST EDITION, RECEIVED IN 1968 TO 1970  
 (Number of titles)

Subject group	Year of receipt		
	1968	1969	1970
Bibliography, libraries, general	109	98	156
Philosophy, psychology	27	41	24
Religion, theology	81	106	139
Social sciences	1,311	1,391	1,484
Linguistics, philology	57	59	95
Science	329	358	505
Technology, business	574	890	1,216
Art, amusement	202	244	319
Literature -			
History of literature, literary criticism, anthologies, school editions	17	36	23
Australian literature	245	261	334
Other literature	105	62	120
<u>Total, literature</u>	367	359	477
Geography, travel	162	176	182
History, biography	181	154	272
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,400	3,876	4,869
First editions	3,220	3,572	4,178
Re-editions	180	304	691
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	3,400	3,876	4,869



**TABLE 4. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS**  
**CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER**  
**CHILDREN'S, SCHOOL, ETC., RECEIVED IN 1970**  
 (Number of titles)

Subject group	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Bibliography, libraries, general	62	94	156
Philosophy, psychology	13	11	24
Religion, theology	68	71	139
Social sciences -			
Sociology, statistics	60	125	185
Political science, political economy	196	256	452
Law, public administration, social relief, insurance	142	310	452
Military art and science	6	11	17
Education	134	146	280
Trade, communications, transport	29	49	78
Ethnography, manners and customs, folklore	15	5	20
Linguistics, philology	68	27	95
Science -			
Mathematics	48	43	91
Natural sciences	173	241	414
Technology, business -			
Medical sciences, public health	64	83	147
Technology, industries, trades and crafts	160	301	461
Agriculture, forestry, stock-breeding, hunting, fishing	76	358	434
Domestic science	40	19	59
Commercial and business management techniques	59	56	115
Art, amusement -			
Town planning, architecture, plastic arts, minor arts, photography, music, film, cinema, theatre, radio, television	110	154	264
Entertainment, pastimes, games, sport	41	14	55
Literature -			
History of literature, literary criticism	3	1	4
Anthologies, school editions	14	5	19
Australian literature - poetry	32	30	62
drama	5	1	6
fiction	218	32	250
essays	2	..	2
humour and miscellany	14	..	14
Other literature	106	14	120
Geography, travel	99	83	182
History, biography	158	114	272
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	2,215	2,654	(a)4,869
Children's publications	46	113	159
School textbooks (b)	198	51	249
All other publications	1,971	2,490	4,461
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	2,215	2,654	(a)4,869

(a) Includes 19 publications in languages other than English and 15 publications translated from the original language. (b) For primary and secondary education. Excludes teachers' manuals.

TABLE 5. - AUSTRALIAN (a) PUBLICATIONS : CUMULATIVE TO  
END OF 1970, BY YEAR OF PUBLICATION 1966 TO 1970,  
ACCORDING TO SUBJECT GROUP, AND WHETHER FIRST EDITION  
(Number of titles received)

Subject group	Year of publication				Publications received and published in 1970(b)		
	1966	1967	1968(b)	1969(b)	Books	Pamphlets	Total
Bibliography, libraries, general	111	111	96	112	54	58	112
Philosophy, psychology	19	15	32	36	12	7	19
Religion, theology	65	87	113	86	57	47	104
Social sciences	956	1,315	1,469	1,418	425	512	937
Linguistics, philology	64	49	57	67	57	15	72
Science	285	306	370	422	153	116	269
Technology, business	483	596	756	1,060	281	332	613
Art, amusement	174	153	242	270	115	81	196
Literature -							
History of literature, literary criticism, anthologies, school editions	45	18	18	40	11	4	15
Australian literature	236	261	246	277	235	53	288
Other literature	72	95	97	62	97	12	109
<u>Total, literature</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>412</u>
Geography, travel	108	89	173	173	84	63	147
History, biography	139	172	177	171	125	83	208
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	<u>2,757</u>	<u>3,267</u>	<u>3,846</u>	<u>4,194</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>1,383</u>	<u>3,089</u>
First editions	2,316	3,008	3,613	3,729	1,420	1,269	2,689
Re-editions	441	259	233	465	286	114	400
<u>ALL PUBLICATIONS</u>	<u>(a) 2,757</u>	<u>(a) 3,267</u>	<u>3,846</u>	<u>4,194</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>1,383</u>	<u>3,089</u>

(a) Publications shown as published in 1966 include 20 published in Papua-New Guinea and 5 published in Nauru, and those shown as published in 1967 include 36 published in Papua-New Guinea and 8 published in Nauru. (b) Incomplete. See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 3.

TABLE 6. - AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS : CUMULATIVE TO  
END OF 1970, BY YEAR OF PUBLICATION 1966 TO 1970, STATE OR  
TERRITORY OF PUBLICATION  
(Number of titles received)

State or Territory	Year of publication				Publications received and published in 1970(a)		
	1966	1967	1968(a)	1969(a)	Books	Pamphlets	Total
New South Wales	1,204	1,272	1,373	1,528	823	461	1,284
Victoria	612	875	1,103	1,085	470	397	867
Queensland	183	202	306	292	81	117	198
South Australia	163	217	287	440	140	114	254
Western Australia	66	131	228	252	61	87	148
Tasmania	48	53	62	63	10	35	45
Northern Territory	9	8	11	29	3	11	14
Australian Capital Territory	447	465	476	505	118	161	279
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2,732</u>	<u>3,223</u>	<u>3,846</u>	<u>4,194</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>1,383</u>	<u>3,089</u>

(a) Incomplete. See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 3.

TABLE 7. - EXTERNAL TERRITORIES' PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED  
ACCORDING TO YEAR OF PUBLICATION, 1966 TO 1970  
 (Number of titles)

Received by the library in	Year of publication					Total
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	
BOOKS						
1966	n.a.	..	..	..	..	n.a.
1967	1	3	..	..	..	(a) 5
1968	..	1	4	..	..	5
1969	..	1	2	12	..	15
1970	..	..	1	6	14	21
<u>Total</u>	..	5	7	18	14	..
PAMPHLETS						
1966	n.a.	..	..	..	..	n.a.
1967	4	32	..	..	..	(a) 37
1968	1	7	17	..	..	25
1969	..	..	18	30	..	48
1970	..	..	..	13	29	42
<u>Total</u>	..	39	35	43	29	..
TOTAL, BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS						
1966	n.a.	..	..	..	..	n.a.
1967	5	35	..	..	..	(a) 42
1968	1	8	21	..	..	30
1969	..	1	20	42	..	63
1970	..	..	1	19	43	63
<u>TOTAL</u>	..	44	42	61	43	..

(a) Includes 1 book and 1 pamphlet published in 1965. n.a. Not available.

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